



September 6, 2026 – Livestream
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

PRELUDE

Now the Silence, Now the Peace

arr. S. Michell-Wallace
Heather Hinton, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Leader: Sing praises to God in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #632

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

***Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.***

***As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.***

***All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.***

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (11)

Harper Elizabeth Jung
Allison and Logan Jung, parents

#2249 refrain (x2)

God Claims You

***Harper, Harper, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.***

Commendation and Welcome #38

#2249 refrain (1x)

God Claims You

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God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Heaven's Embrace

S. DeFord

Ron Berry, baritone
Heather Hinton, piano

When shadows gather, when shades of night descend,
I kneel to lay my burdens at the Father's feet again.
I offer up my sorrow, entrust to him my grief
and at his touch my heart is filled with peace.

Borne upon a prayer, my soul is lifted up,
enfolded in the arms of everlasting love,
cradled in his kindness, sheltered by his grace
like a child in heaven's embrace.

When heartaches linger and tears I cannot stay,
I find my hope and refuge in his presence as I pray.
No hurt beyond his healing, no pain beyond his reach,
and at his touch my heart is filled with peace.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Conflict Management

Jill Moffett

HYMN #560

Help Us Accept Each Other

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.***

*Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

Prayer for the World

Darren Cushman Wood

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us prepare for the Gospel feast
by confessing the sins we have committed against God and neighbor:

People: Fierce and Tender God,
whose work is justice and whose delight is mercy:
forgive us for ignoring the cries of the workers
who labor under the tyranny of harassment and poverty.
Free us from the system of greed
that comforts our bodies and caresses our souls.
Free us for a life of joyful resistance
to evil, injustice and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves;
through Jesus Christ our only Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the Good News:
Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
we have been forgiven and freed from sin.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Excellent is Thy Name (Psalm 8)

D. McAfee

Ron Berry, baritone

Heather Hinton, piano

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens?

When I consider thy heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.
What is man? What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands, thou hast put all things under his feet.

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea.
And whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. How excellent is Thy name.

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Glorious God, your beauty is woven into creation
and you hemmed the world with love.

All that is spectacular, all that is simple praise you.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Leader: You fashioned us in your image to craft and create.
You fill us with inspired imagination
to praise you with our hands and feet and voices.

People: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Leader: You inspired poets and prophets with your Truth.
You revealed your mercy with the Ark and altars,
in the Tabernacle and the Temple.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Magnificent is your child Jesus Christ.

Contained in a carpenter is the mystery of your grace,
who revealed wisdom in his parables and restored joy to the people.

Dying he destroyed our despair
and rising he renewed our common life to create and care.

Among friends gathered around a table,
he took bread, blessed and broke it and said, 'This is my body broken for you.'
He lifted the cup and blessed it and said, 'This is the new relationship with God
made possible through my death. Eat and drink in remembrance of me.'

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: In celebration of your amazing acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice
in union with Christ's offering for us.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Send now your Spirit to leaven this bread and ferment this juice
with the fullness of Christ.

Let that same Spirit move through us,
reshaping and renewing us as your people gather at this table.

People: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

*BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, nricketts@northchurchindy.com

COMMUNION HYMNS

#557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

***Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.***

***We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.***

***When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.***

#389

Freely, Freely

v. 1

***God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.***

***He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."***

PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #389

Freely, Freely

v. 2

***All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.***

***He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."***

*THE BLESSING

Jill Moffett

POSTLUDE

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

arr. W. Wold
Heather Hinton, organ

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in recognition of Rev. Schilling playing the organ at the wedding of Don and Gail Nelson on September 6, 1970 at North United Methodist Church.

The small bouquet on the altar is in celebration of the joy Harper has brought to her family, with prayers for a life filled with happiness, good health, and abundant blessings.

Upcoming Events:

Cathedral Singers Rehearsal Resumes

September 10, 7:00pm

New Member Class Begins

September 13, 10:00am

Choristers Rehearsal Resumes

September 13, 10:00am

Worship Without Walls

September 13, 11:00am

Behind the Music: The Story of Charles Wesley

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., Chapel

“Back to Sunday School” Breakfast & Parent/Guardian/Volunteer Meeting
for Children & Youth Ministry

Sunday, September 20, 9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall

“Bad Faith” Documentary. September 20, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Fall Festival, September 27, 4:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Children’s Ministry Scavenger Hunt, October 4, 12:30pm

Blessing of the Animals, October 4, 5pm, Courtyard

Revelation Uncovered: A Bible Study of the Book of Revelation

Wednesdays, October 21—November 11, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Conference
Room

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Today’s worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

Minister of Christian Education

Theo Hicks

Director of Music

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague

James Horton

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Save the Date:

Renew and Rejoice Weekend

Saturday—Sunday,

October 10-11